

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended, claims 12-15 have been cancelled, claims 4-11 and 16-19 had been withdrawn from consideration, and new claims 20-23 have been added. Thus, claims 1-3 and 20-23 are pending in this application. For at least the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

In the Action dated August 23, 2007, the claim 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement because claims recite the limitation "which output a test result only", which was not found in the written description. Although the written description does not directly describe this limitation by words, it is presumed from the specification and the drawings. For example, on page 5 at lines 10-11 of the specification, it is described "a test signal output terminal 13 for outputting the test results TEST OUT". Further, it is clear from the description starting on page 10 at line 12 that the single test signal output terminal 13 outputs the test result when the test circuit is enabled. No signals are outputted from the single test signal output terminal 13 while the test circuit is disabled because the shift resistor 11 is not activated so that no switch S001-S384 turns on. Thus, it is clear from the specification and drawings that the single test signal output terminal 13 outputs the test result only. Nevertheless, Applicant deletes the limitation from Claim 1 so that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is no more applicable.

Since Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim1, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph to these is no more applicable for the same reason.

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and such is earnestly solicited. Should any further fee be needed, please charge it to our Account No. 50-0945 and notify us accordingly.

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